

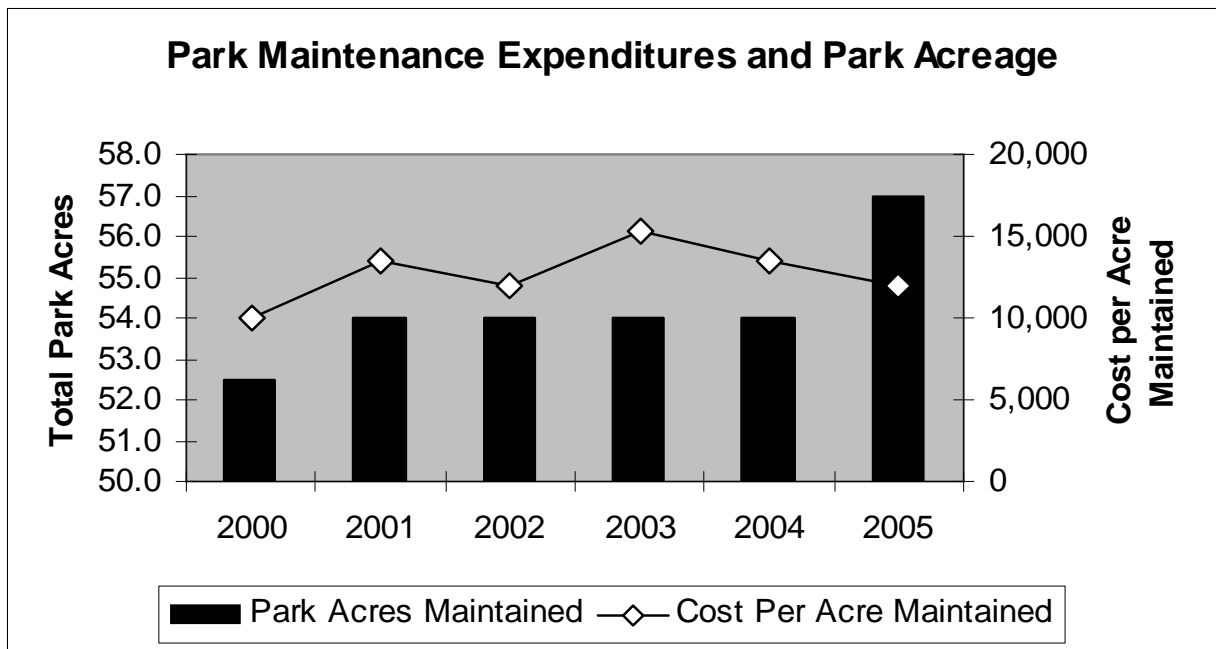


Community Conversations

Additional Information:

Park Maintenance

How Have Park Maintenance Expenditures Changed Over Time?



The operating Park Maintenance budget has varied over the last five years, and is now about where it was in 2000. Since 2000, however, City park acreage has grown by 9%, increasing the maintenance needs.

In order to maintain greater acreage without increasing resources, the general level of maintenance at our parks has been reduced. In addition, the City has adopted a long term approach to park maintenance which concentrates maintenance resources on ball fields and high use public areas. Park areas primarily used for passive or aesthetic purposes have been designated as “fringe areas” and are being covered with wood chip mulch. The mulch preserves moisture for trees and reduces weed growth.

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Wood chips will be placed in additional parks in the coming years depending upon funding availability. The “fringe areas” in all parks have all been showing the signs of water and maintenance reductions by looking more weedy and less green. Ultimately, all fringe areas will be covered in wood chip mulch.

What Additions are Planned to Our Parks?

Morgan Hill’s Park Master Plan calls for several new park facilities over the next 20 years, including an outdoor sports park complex, a permanent skate park, a BMX park, two new neighborhood/school parks, completion of West Little Llagas Trail and Butterfield Linear Park, expansion of the El Toro Youth facility, and an off-leash dog park. Funding to construct many of these parks has been identified; ongoing maintenance funds have not been identified.